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SUBJ: EGYPTIANS CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO UNEF PATROL BOATS

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1. SECRETARIAT TODAY INFORMALLY PASSED ON RESULTS OF
SIILASVUO'S DECEMBER 30 MEETING WITH EGYPTIANS (REFTEL),
WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE WITH CHIEF OF STAFF FAHMY RATHER THAN
WITH GAMASY.

2. FAHMY TOLD SIILASVUO THAT UNEF COULD FULLY PERFORM ITS
SUVEILLANCE RESPONSIBILITIES BY LAND PATROLS ALONG THE COAST,
COMBINED WITH AIR PATROLS. SIILASVUO SAID THIS MIGHT BE SO,
BUT AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL EXISTED PROVIDING FOR NAVAL
PATROLS. IF EGYPT PERSISTED IN OBJECTING TO HHE LATTER,
THE UN WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH ISRAEL. FAHMY
AGREED THIS WAS SO. HE ADDED THAT IF THE UN INSISTED ON USING
PATROL BOATS, EGYPT WOULD NOT PROVIDE PORT FACILITIES.

3. SIILASVUO PLANS TO INFORM ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OF THE PROBLEM
THROUGH CHIEF OF LIAISON LEVENSON ON DECEMBER 31.

4. COMMENT: SECRETARIAT DOES NOT REGARD PROBLEM AS
HAVING YET REACHED A CONFRONTATIONAL STAGE. THEY ARE MODERATELY
ENCOURAGED THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE LEFT DOOR OPEN TO LAVAL

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PATROLS - THOUGH WITHOUT PORT FACILITIES ON EGYPTIAN SOIL,

AND MORE THAN A LITTLE PUZZLED AS TO THE REASON FOR CAIRO'S
OBJECTIONS. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE MATTER QUICKLY,
ONE REASON BEING THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE FROM IRAN OF THE
FIRST DETACHMENT OF BOATS.

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